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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 10/24/2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The reply by does not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the examiner's action and does not reply to every ground of rejection in the prior Office action. Independent claims 21 and 27 are not referred to in the arguments. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BENJAMIN P. GEIB whose telephone number is (571)272-8628. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alford Kindred can be reached on (571) 272-4037. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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